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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Waltherus J.W. van Venrooij, et al.

Serial No. 09/308,150

Filed: September 30, 1999

For: PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN  
RECOGNIZED BY AUTOANTIBODIES FROM  
PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS,  
ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST SAID PEPTIDE,  
A COMBINATORIAL ANTIGEN, AND A METHOD  
OF DETECTING AUTOIMMUNE ANTIBODIES

Examiner: A. DeCloux

Group Art Unit: 1644

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2002 (Paper 23), please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the following instructions:

In the Claims:

Amend the following claims: